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Lisa,

In response to the audit OIG report:

St. Joseph High School is a tiny school, our enrollment is 80 students. During the year in question our school was administered by an elderly nun-all accounting functions were handled by the Diocesan Director of Finance. We felt that having financial oversight would keep us aware of any financial obligations. Unfortunately the E-Rate program was able to circumvent our normal accounting policies since no money was involved on our end. Sister signed contracts that were never reviewed by Diocesan attorneys or personnel. Since all funds were paid by you directly to the firm hired we had no knowledge of such contracts until it was too late.

Sister hired a man who came highly recommended. He had completed the wiring for two other local schools. In fact all three of our Catholic Schools on St. Croix hired the same man to implement our program. The schools relied on his expertise to follow the FCC mandates. This man took your money and left us holding the bag. He has left the country and we have been unable to find him. We have no way to recover any money from him. Now not only are we without a technology plan or network system but we owe you an amount of money that is beyond our comprehension.

St. Joseph High School just barely manages to stay open. At this time we have debts to a local tax agency and to FEMA. We are paying both of these debts off, slowly. There is no way we can take on the additional debt of \$136,851.00. We would like to propose that we pay \$36,000.00 over a three year period (\$1000 per month). We are asking that the balance of the debt be forgiven.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please contact me at 340-774-3166 ext. 205 if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McMurtrie, CPA
Director of Finance

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